

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1677–S1711

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3434–3450, and S. Res. 539–541. **Page S1703**

Measures Passed:

Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability: By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 70), Senate passed H.J. Res. 76, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability”. **Pages S1678–85**

AmeriCorps: Senate agreed to S. Res. 540, recognizing the contributions of AmeriCorps members and alumni to the lives of the people of the United States. **Page S1707**

Maine 200th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 541, recognizing and celebrating the 200th anniversary of the entry of Maine into the Union as the 23d State. **Page S1707**

Savanna’s Act: Senate passed S. 227, to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1708–09**

Not Invisible Act: Senate passed S. 982, to increase intergovernmental coordination to identify and combat violent crime within Indian lands and of Indians, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1709–10**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 91, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the Chinese-American veterans of World War II. **Page S1710**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability: Senate indefinitely postponed S.J. Res. 56, providing

for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability”. **Page S1685**

House Messages:

Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act: Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1678, to express United States support for Taiwan’s diplomatic alliances around the world. **Page S1710**

Danly Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 12, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of James P. Danly, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination occur at 11:45 a.m., and that all post-cloture time expire at 1:45 p.m. **Page S1710**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—70) **Page S1685**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1710.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Navy and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Thomas B. Modley, Acting Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations, and General David H. Berger, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: GAO AND CBO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Government Accountability Office and Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Phillip Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

APPROPRIATIONS: HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Ben Carson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation within the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), and Lieutenant General Todd Semonite, Commanding General and Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense; and Brenda Burman, Commissioner for the Bureau of Reclamation, and Timothy R. Petty, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, both of the Department of the Interior.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, and Lieutenant General Eric M. Smith, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine personnel programs in the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. McCaffery, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Virginia S. Penrod, Acting Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Thomas A. Constable, Acting Assistant Secretary for Readiness, Elizabeth P. Van Winkle, Executive Director, Office of Force Resiliency, E. Casey Wardynski, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Gregory J. Slavonic, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, John A. Fedrigo, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Lieutenant General Thomas C. Seamands, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G-1, Vice Admiral John B. Nowell, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education, N-1, Lieutenant General Brian T. Kelly, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, and Lieutenant General Michael A. Rocco, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1046, to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3132, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006;